

the information complete, accurate and up-to-date.

(c) *Specific filing requirements.* Commission filings under this section must be made as follows:

(1) The public notice or certification must be labeled with one of the following titles, as appropriate: “Public Notice of Network Change Under Rule 51.329(a),” “Certification of Public Notice of Network Change Under Rule 51.329(a),” “Short Term Public Notice Under Rule 51.333(a),” or “Certification of Short Term Public Notice Under Rule 51.333(a).”

(2) Two paper copies of the incumbent LEC’s public notice or certification, required under paragraph (a) of this section, must be sent to “Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554.” The date on which this filing is received by the Secretary is considered the official filing date.

(3) In addition, one paper copy and one diskette copy must be sent to the “Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554.” The diskette copy must be on a standard 3 1/2 inch diskette, formatted in IBM-compatible format to be readable by high-density floppy drives operating under MS DOS 5.X or later compatible versions, and shall be in a word-processing format designated, from time-to-time, in public notices released by the Bureau. The diskette must be submitted in “read only” mode, and must be clearly labeled with the carrier’s name, the filing date, and an identification of the diskette’s contents.

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**§51.331 Notice of network changes: Timing of notice.**

(a) An incumbent LEC shall give public notice of planned changes at the make/buy point, as defined in paragraph (b) of this section, but at least 12 months before implementation, except as provided below:

(1) If the changes can be implemented within twelve months of the make/buy point, public notice must be given at the make/buy point, but at least six months before implementation.

(2) If the changes can be implemented within six months of the make/buy point, public notice may be given pursuant to the short term notice procedures provided in §51.333.

(b) For purposes of this section, the *make/buy point* is the time at which an incumbent LEC decides to make for itself, or to procure from another entity, any product the design of which affects or relies on a new or changed network interface. If an incumbent LEC’s planned changes do not require it to make or to procure a product, then the make/buy point is the point at which the incumbent LEC makes a definite decision to implement a network change.

(1) For purposes of this section, a *product* is any hardware or software for use in an incumbent LEC’s network or in conjunction with its facilities that, when installed, could affect the compatibility of an interconnected service provider’s network, facilities or services with an incumbent LEC’s existing telephone network, facilities or services, or with any of an incumbent carrier’s services or capabilities.

(2) For purposes of this section a *definite decision* is reached when an incumbent LEC determines that the change is warranted, establishes a timetable for anticipated implementation, and takes any action toward implementation of the change within its network.

(c) Competing service providers may object to incumbent LEC notice of retirement of copper loops or copper subloops and replacement with fiber-to-the-home loops in the manner set forth in §51.333(c).

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**§51.333 Notice of network changes: Short term notice, objections thereto and objections to retirement of copper loops or copper subloops.**

(a) *Certificate of service.* If an incumbent LEC wishes to provide less than six months notice of planned network changes, the public notice or certification that it files with the Commission must include a certificate of service in addition to the information required by §51.327(a) or §51.329(a)(2), as applicable. The certificate of service shall include: